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For: **OPTICAL ELEMENT, OPTICAL PICKUP
UNIT, AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE UNIT**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2005. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this paper.